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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 13, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, and 8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A control circuit for a data recorder, wherein the data recorder records data on a recording data by emitting a laser beam against a recording medium, the control circuit comprising:  
a laser drive circuit for controlling the power level of the laser beam; and  
an interrupt control circuit connected to the laser drive circuit, for interrupting data recording when a predetermined state is detected, wherein the interruption occurs when the laser beam is generated at a relatively low power level.

3. (Amended) A controller employed in a data recorder to control interruption and restart of recording data, wherein the data recorder records on a recording medium data stored in a buffer memory by emitting a laser beam against the recording medium, the laser beam being generated at a high level and a low level, the controller comprising:

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